**Common Characteristics of Inquiry**

While there are different starting points for inquiries, for example, topical, global or community issue, interest or play based, inquiries generally have the following

characteristics.

They:

* • are student centered and directed
* • emphasise process and skill development
* • require students to ask questions
* • are conceptual based rather than factual
* • usually involve some negotiation with students
* • encourage learner interaction
* • build upon prior knowledge
* • utilise and consider students interests
* • include direct experiences
* • integrate reflection and metacognition
* • involve the application of ideas
* • explore affective aspects of learning
* • raise different perspectives and tackle values